

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ~~master~~ stencil making device comprising:

~~master making~~ means for making a ~~master~~ stencil in accordance with image data; and
a plurality rotary conveying members different in position from each other and
configured to convey the stencil while in pressing contact with said stencil;

wherein, among said plurality of rotary conveying members, one of rotary conveying
members, which are paired with each other, expected only to convey said ~~master~~ stencil,
reduces charging of said stencil.

Claim 2 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said one rotary
conveying member has a smooth surface and contacts the stencil first before said stencil is
nipped, and wherein said one rotary conveying member is configured to reduce an area of
contact with said stencil.

Claim 3 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said one rotary
conveying member is formed with a plurality of groove portions spaced from each other in an
axial direction of said one rotary conveying member and each having a small diameter not
contacting the stencil.

Claim 4 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said plurality of
grooves each have a width ranging from 5 mm to 30 mm.

Claim 5 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said plurality of
groove portions each have a depth ranging from (1 x stencil thickness) to (10 x stencil

thickness), as measured in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction of said one rotary conveying member.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of rotary conveying members comprises a platen roller pressed against said ~~master making~~ means for making, and wherein said rotary conveying members paired with each other are positioned downstream of said platen roller in a direction of stencil conveyance.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 6, a line virtually connecting a point where the stencil parts from said platen roller and an axis of said platen roller and a line virtually connecting a nip center of said platen roller and said ~~master-making~~ means for making and said axis of said platen roller make an angle therebetween.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein a distance between said platen roller and said rotary conveying members paired with each other lies in a range in which an influence of a nip pressure of the stencil derived from said rotary conveying members does not extend to a nip pressure of said platen roller and said ~~master making~~ means for making.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): In a stencil printer for performing printing by wrapping a stencil perforated by a ~~master~~ stencil making device around a print drum, said ~~master~~ stencil making device comprising:

~~master-making~~ means for making a ~~master~~ stencil in accordance with image data; and
a plurality rotary conveying members different in position from each other and configured to convey the stencil while in pressing contact with said stencil;

wherein, among said plurality of rotary conveying members, one of rotary conveying members, which are paired with each other, expected only to convey said ~~master~~ stencil, reduces charging of said stencil.

Claim 10 (Original): The printer as claimed in claim 9, wherein said one rotary conveying member has a smooth surface and contacts the stencil first before said stencil is nipped, and wherein said one rotary conveying member is configured to reduce an area of contact with said stencil.

Claim 11 (Original): The printer as claimed in claim 10, wherein said one rotary conveying member is formed with a plurality of groove portions spaced from each other in an axial direction of said one rotary conveying member and each having a small diameter not contacting the stencil.

Claim 12 (Original): The printer as claimed in claim 11, wherein said plurality of grooves each have a width ranging from 5 mm to 30 mm.

Claim 13 (Original): The printer as claimed in claim 11, wherein said plurality of groove portions each have a depth ranging from (1 x stencil thickness) to (10 x stencil thickness), as measured in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction of said one rotary conveying member.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The printer as claimed in claim 9, wherein one of said plurality of rotary conveying members comprises a platen roller pressed against said ~~master-making~~ means for making, and wherein said rotary conveying members paired with

each other are positioned downstream of said platen roller in a direction of stencil conveyance.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The printer as claimed in claim 14, a line virtually connecting a point where the stencil parts from said platen roller and an axis of said platen roller and a line virtually connecting a nip center of said platen roller and said ~~master-making~~ means for making and said axis of said platen roller make an angle therebetween.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The printer as claimed in claim 14, wherein a distance between said platen roller and said rotary conveying members paired with each other lies in a range in which an influence of a nip pressure of the stencil derived from said rotary conveying members does not extend to a nip pressure of said platen roller and said ~~master making~~ means for making.